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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: JAPANESE AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM

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WE UNDERSTAND FROM INFO PROVIDED REFTEL WHY GOJ PREFERS
REQUEST GRANT FUNDS FROM DIET AND DELAY APPROVAL OF LOANS.
WE BELIEVE GVN CAN MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO SLIPPAGE
IN TIMING OF JAPANESE AID UNTIL END OF 1973, ESPECIALLY
IF THEY HAVE REASSURANCES THAT AID WILL BE FORTHCOMING
SOON THEREAFTER. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO STRESS
TO GOJ IMPORTANCE THAT GVN BE GIVEN FIRM ASSURANCE THAT
FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY JANUARY. WITHOUT THIS
WE SEE DANGER THAT GVN, WITH ITS RAPIDLY DECLINING
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RESERVES, MIGHT MAKE PRECIPITOUS AND UNWISE ECONOMIC

DECISIONS. ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE GOJ PROBLEMS IN THIS REGARD, IMPLEMENTATION WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE FACILITATED IF DETAILS COULD BE WORKED OUT TO GREATEST DEGREE POSSIBLE FOR BOTH GRANT AND LOAN AGREEMENTS BEFORE DIET APPROVAL SO THAT JAPANESE FUNDS CAN BE DISBURSED AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE THEREAFTER.

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